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OF CELLULITE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the subject application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please add the following new claims:

11. A cosmetic or dermatological topical composition comprising a conjugated linoleic acid or a derivative thereof (CLA).

12. The topical composition according to claim 11 comprising from 0.5 to 70% by weight of CLA.

13. The topical composition according to claim 12, wherein the CLA comprises a member selected from the group consisting of cis- and trans- isomers of 9,11-; 10,12-; and 11,13-octadecadienoic acid, and phospholipid, mono-, di- and tri-glycerides, ethers, esters, and salts thereof.

14. The topical composition according to claim 13, wherein the salt of CLA is an alkali or alkaline earth metal soap, or a nitrogen-containing salt.